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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

In the Matter of:

BILLY H. FORD, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened before the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") upon the Board's receipt of a report from the Medical Practitioner Review Panel (the "Panel") setting forth findings made by the Panel upon the completion of the Panel's investigation of information reported to the Panel detailing that a payment was made to settle a civil malpractice action brought against respondent Billy H. Ford, M.D. The malpractice action was predicated on allegations that respondent failed to timely correct compromised ventilation and oxygenation of an eight month old male, N.R., during elective urological surgery, resulting in significant neurological injury. Respondent was the anesthesiologist on the case.

Upon review of information available to the Panel, to include consideration of testimony offered by respondent when he appeared before the Panel on May 21, 2004, represented by Thomas Leyhane, Esq., and hospital records, the Panel found that respondent committed acts of negligence when he administered

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anesthesia to N.R. Specifically, the Panel found that respondent used an excessively long 13 cm endotracheal tube, which he inserted initially and on reintubation during the course of N.R.'s surgery. The Panel concluded that the neurologic injury sustained by N.R. was most likely caused by a prolonged period of hypoxia during anesthesia, in turn related to Dr. Ford's use of an excessively long endotracheal tube.

The Board has reviewed the Panel's report and adopted all findings and recommendations made by the Panel, to include the Panel's finding that respondent engaged in acts of negligence in this matter, and that cause for disciplinary action against respondent exists pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d). The parties desiring to resolve this matter without need for formal disciplinary proceedings, and the Board being satisfied that the need for such proceedings is obviated by the entry of the within Order, and being further satisfied that good cause exists to support entry of the within Order,

IT IS on this 19th day of April, 2006,

ORDERED AND AGREED:

1. Respondent Billy Ford, M.D. is hereby reprimanded for having engaged in acts of negligence in connection with his administration of anesthesia to patient N.R.

2. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000, which penalty shall be payable in full upon entry of this Order.

3. Respondent is assessed costs of investigation incurred by the Board in the amount of \$1,366.05, which cost assessment shall be payable in full upon entry of this Order.

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By: Sindy Paul MD
Sindy Paul, M.D.
Board President

I consent to the entry of this Order
by the State Board of Medical
Examiners.

Billy Ford
Billy Ford, M.D.